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SUBJ: US OWNED COUNTERPART FUNDS: U.S. YUGOSLAV

COOPERATIVE SCIENCE PROGRAM

REF : STATE A-700 AND A-701

1. A-700 AUTHORIZES EMBASSY TO PAY NOW ND 221,250 FOR HEW/NIH PROJECT 02-009-1 FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/74 TO 12-31/74. THESE FUNDS WERE OBLIGATED IN 1971.

2. JOINT BOARD AT DECEMBER 1973 MEETING AUTHORIZED PAYMENT TO SAME PROJECT OF ND 166,346 IN 1973 AND SAME AMOUNT IN 1974. HOWEVER, JOINT BOARD DECISION DOCUMENT CONTAINS NO INDICATION THAT BOARD WAS AWARE PROJECT WOULD RECEIVE IN 1973 AND 1974 SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL UNILATERAL FUNDING FROM HEW. ON OTHER HAND, EMBASSY RECORDS INDICATE HEW PAYMENT IN A-700 CONSTITUTED PAYMENT IN FULL WITHOUT NEED OR USE FOR ADDITIONAL MONIES FROM JOINT FUND. PROJECT BUDGET DOES NOT REVEAL HOW ADDITIONAL JOINT FUND MONIES WILL BE USED. THUS, IN ABSENCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IT APPEARS THAT EITHER THE HEW PAYMENT OF ND 221,250 OR THE JOINT BOARD AUTHORIZATION FOR ND 332,692 IS REDUNDANT.

3. A-701 AUTHORIZES EMBASSY TO PAY ND 1,036,492 FOR HEW/PHS/CDC PROJECT 02-012-3 FOR THE THIRD YEAR OF A FIVE YEAR GRANT RUNNING THOURGH 1976 AND OBLIGATED IN 1971. BALCANCE REMAINING AFTER THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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PAYMENT WOULD BE 2,194,030. THIS IS NOT A JOINT PROJECT.

4. RECALLING THAT ALL EXCESS DINARS REMAINING IN U.S. AGENCY ACCOUNTS MUST BE RETURNED TO TREASURY UPON TERMINATION 6/30/64 OF EXCESS DESIGNATION, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING HOW AGENCIES CAN CONTINUE TO PROJECT DISBURSMENTS OUTSIDE JOINT FUND FRAMEWORK OF SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF DINARS FOR SCIENCE PROGRAM THROUGH 1976. EMBASSY PARTICULARLY QUESTIONS THIS PROCEDURE SINCE IT HAS THE EFFECT OF REDUCING AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR EMBASSY'S REGULAR OPERATIONS AND PROJECTED FBO CAPITAL EXPENDITURES.

5. EMBASSY WITHHOLDING PAYMENTS DESCRIBED REAIR PENDING CLARIFICATION FROM DEPARTMENT AND HEW.
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